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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The government is making arrangements for the immediate transfer of batteries of artillery from points in the West to the Atlantic Seaboard and Gulf of Mexico. —— Senator Proctor passed through Jacksonville, Fla., last night on his return to Washington from Havana. —— Friday night the postoffice safe at Ashland, Va., was blown open and robbed of $600 in stamps. —— The House committee on elections decided to report in favor of unseating W. A. Young, Dem., and seating R. A. Wise, the Republican contestant from the second Virginia district. —— Senor Polo presented his credentials yesterday and was formally received by President McKinley. —— Up to yesterday the administration had no report of any kind from the Court of Inquiry nor knowledge of the cause of the explosion that destroyed the Maine. —— A special naval board has been appointed to inspect vessels that may be offered for the auxiliary branch of the navy. —— The War Department, Monday, will open bids for projectiles for heavy fortification guns. —— Large saw mill plant at Decatur, Ala., destroyed by fire; loss $50,000. —— The Spanish torpedo flotilla will sail from Cadiz as soon as the weather permits. —— British newspapers regard favorably the Spanish *Nacional's* proposition that the United States annex Cuba and assume her debt.——N. Y. markets: Money on call was steady at 2 per cent., last loan at 2 per cent.; cotton easy —middling 6¼c; flour was nominally lower; wheat—spot weak; No. 2 red $1.05 free on board; corn spot easy; No. 2, 37c.; rosin steady; strained common to good $1.42½@1.45; spirits turpentine firm at 35½c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, D. C., March 12.

Temperature: 8 A.M., 63 deg.; 8 P.M., 63 deg.; maximum, 71 deg.; minimum, 58 deg.; mean, 64 deg.

Rainfall for the day, —; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .88.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

For North Carolina—Fair, except showers in the interior; southerly winds.

Port Almanac---March 13.

Sun Rises	6.14 A. M.
Sun Sets	6.06 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 52 M.
High Water at Southport	11.06 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	1.36 P. M.

Kansas threatens a blow at Spain. She is organizing a brass band to go to Cuba in case of war.

Some one who has counted them informs us that there are $20,006 pieces in a Pennsylvania railroad locomotive.

Hon. John Sherman isn't figuring much in the Cuban business now, but he continues to draw his salary with typical regularity.

Last year Parisians consumed only 20,878 horses, 53 mules and 232 donkeys, making a total in weight of 4,472 tons, a slight decrease on the preceding year.

The latest accusation against the Spanish authorities in Cuba is that they are confiscating supplies sent to the starving people and selling them at public auction. That's a crying shame.

A Missouri man has come to the front with an aluminum aerial torpedo boat of his invention, with which de claims that he can make it very interesting and hot for any army or ships sent to fight us.

Some Maine men have a plant for extracting gold from sea water, and are said to be making it pay. This is another proof of the thrift of the Yankee to squeeze money out of everything he dabbles in.

In speaking of the discussion going on as to the respective merits of the Texas and Kansas jack-rabbits, the Texas jack has some advantage over the Kansas jack, for he has more room to lay his ears back when he starts on a run.

One of the most disgusted individuals who has lately struck New York was the denizen of the west, when he learned that the Vizcaya had sailed for New York before he could blow her up with that little thing he had in his grip.

The married women of Georgia think there might be an improvement in the curfew law proposed for that State by making it apply to night prowling husbands. There are few of the men, however, who take that view of the curfew.

Some citizens of Georgia having questioned the legalty of Sunday marriages on the ground that contracts made on Sunday are not legal, the Supreme Court has eased the minds of persons married on that day by deciding that those marriages are sufficiently legal for all practical purposes.

A student who has been studying the documents bearing upon the discovery of this country by C. Columbus, has examined his logs and made the discovery that he celebrated his discovery by taking a whole week's spree. The evidence he presents is that while this log was carefully kept and neatly and legibly written, during that week it looks as if the writing had been done by an intoxicated spider crawling upon the paper.

A Vineland, New Jersey, editor and poet, is playing a shrewd thing on the State to get his board and lodging free. He refused to pay $2 poll tax and they sent him to jail. He has been in a month and declares he will stay in all his life before he pays that tax. As he apparently likes his quarters he seems to have the advantage of the State, which is paying a pretty big price to get those $2.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Palace Bakery—A card.
S. W. Sanders—Watch.
D. O'Connor—For rent.
A. Prempert—Very latest.
Vollers & Hashagen—Don't.
A. Shrier—The proper thing.
Notice—Germania K. of P.
F. T. Mills—Mules and horses.
W. B. Cooper—All-wheat flour.
King Grocery—Pork and beans.
I. B Rhodes—An up-to-date Chef.
Owen F. Love & Co.—Plumbing.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Spring goods.
Masonic—Meeting St. John's Lodge.
Wm. E. Worth & Co.—Getting breakfast ready.
Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.—Results if you deposit.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Reward—For lost dog.
"Lustro"—Everywhere.
P. H. Hayden—Buggies, harness.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Walter H. Neal, Esq., of Laurinburg, is in the city.

— Mr. S. Meares, of Clarkton, spent yesterday in the city.

— Mr. M. W. Teachy, depot agent at Teachy, N. C., is in the city.

— Mr. J. K. Allen, of Rocky Point, is in the city on business.

— Mr. George A. Graham, of Warsaw, was in Wilmington yesterday.

— Mrs. B. A. Larkins and Miss Linnie F. Larkins returned last evening from a visit to relatives at Clinton.

— Miss Lula Cooper, of Kenansville, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. J. Clemmons, corner of Fourth and Chesnut street.

— Mr. James Duffy, of Dubuque county, Iowa, who has been visiting his brother, Major P. F. Duffy, of the STAR, left on his return home yesterday.

— Miss Annie Southerland, of Kenansville, has arrived in the city and is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jno. J. Kelly, corner of Fourth and Chesnut streets.

— Solicitor M. C. Richardson, who is to represent the State in the term of the Criminal Court to convene to-morrow, arrived here last night.

— Rev. Mr. Betts who preaches at the First Baptist Church to-day is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. Hanby, corner Eighth and Dock streets.

— Commissioner F. J. Dempsey, of Cape Fear township, was here yesterday and reported the farmers in his section as being extremely busy just at present.

Will Convene To-Morrow.

As the STAR has heretofore announced, the March term of the Circuit Criminal Court will be convened to-morrow at 10 o'clock by Judge Thos. H. Sutton. Solicitor Richardson arrived last night and Judge Sutton will be here some time to-day. The docket for the term is small, there being something like eighty cases awaiting trial. There are no cases of special importance.

MASTER OF HIS PROFESSION.

A Tribute to the Successful Application of Scientific Knowledge.

The following is from the pen of one of North Carolina's well known editors, Mr. June Whitaker, of the Winston *Sentinel*, given Dr. Matthez during his stay in Winston, just prior to his going to New York city for permanent location:

"Observation, investigation and satisfactory treatment of members of his family have assured the editor of *The Sentinel* that Dr. L. H. Matthez, the distinguished oculo, who has been in the city for some weeks, is a thorough master of the science of optics, and is therefore, eminently qualified to treat defective vision by the scientific adjustment of glasses. That his service gives satisfaction and comfort and improvement is attested by strong testimonials from hundreds, who praise him as a benefactor, and it affords us pleasure to add to these and to warmly commend Dr. Matthez to such of our citizens as may need excellent treatment which he is prepared to give those suffering from impaired vision.

"It may be proper to state that the above is not a "paid advertisement," but is a voluntary and unsolicited tribute to what we believe to be genuine merit, touching a very important matter—that of scientific knowledge successfully applied to curing and relieving defects in the priceless sense of sight."

Dr. Matthez brief stay in Wilmington affords a magnificent opportunity for those of defective vision to secure relief.

LOCAL DOTS.

— See fourth page for other new advertisements.

— There will be servicee at St. Paul's Episcopal Church to-day at 11 o'clock.

— If we have war with Spain it will probably be nothing more than a "little one for a cent."

A license was issued yesterday for the marriage of a colored couple, Owen Madison to Lavinia Teacher.

— Ingraham Howe was arrested last night by officer Simmons for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

— The ladies will be interested in the fancy Spring waists outlined in the STAR'S fashion plate on page second.

— A case of forcible trespass charged against Ida Holland, colored, was dismissed yesterday by Justice McGowan.

— The Wilmington Division of Naval Reserves is in receipt of an invitation to attend the 20th of May celebration in Charlotte.

— The New York *Herald's* marine news shows the arrival on February 28th of Mr. H. Walters' yacht *Narada* at Ville France.

— Supt. Skelding says the receipts from street car travel are about 20 per cent. in excess of the receipts at the corresponding season last year.

— During the past week six marriage licenses were issued from the New Hanover Register of Deeds' office, one for whites and five for colored.

— During the past week there were fourteen deaths—three white and eleven colored—and thirteen births—five whites and eight colored.

— An adjourned meeting of the Wilmington Tariff Association will be held at the rooms of the Merchants' Association next Tuesday at 2:30 P. M.

— In the absence of the pastor, Rev. J. T. Betts, of Whiteville, will preach at the First Baptist Church at the morning and evening service to-day.

— A car load of tools for use in driving the artesian well arrived yesterday from Montgomery. Mr. C. L. Parker, the contractor, will arrive to-day.

— On Wednesday night March 30th, Prof. M. C. S. Noble will make an address before the Masonboro public school, of which Prof. R. H. Hewlett is principal.

—Thus far this month there has been an average of two arrests per day. There have been 24 arrests and 16 were for drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

— The lawn about the City Hall building is being fertilized and the city authorities hope to have a luxuriant and velvety growth of grass by the early summer.

— Evangelist T. H. Leavitt is holding a successful meeting at Fayetteville. It began about two weeks ago, and will probably continue a week or two longer.

— Yesterday was a good day for the North Carolina car. The managers find the people appreciative of the fine exhibit. Between 1,250 and 1,500 people had registered by 10 o'clock last night.

— Mayor Wright disposed of three cases yesterday. Tollson Bailey was fined $2.50 and costs for disorderly conduct. John Phillips was sent to jail for 15 days for fighting. Joe Brown was called as an escaped prisoner and remanded to jail. He escaped Thursday.

— An alarm by telephone was received by the fire department yesterday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock. The trouble was at No. 906 Queen street, a cottage occupied by Mrs. Geo. Beemer and owned by Rev. James Carmichael. A defected flue was the cause. However there was no damage to the building.

— For possibly the first time in the history of the Wilmington Health Office a week has passed without a single quarantine existing about any premises in the city. The season of the year considered, this is deemed a harbinger of healthfulness during the coming Spring and Summer.

— The revenue cutter *Colfax* arrived at Southport late Friday afternoon and went to sea again early yesterday morning. Very likely the captain of the cutter put in at Southport for telegraphic orders of some importance and received them. This may account for her hurried departure.

— John Phillips, the negro who was arrested for fighting on Market street, reference to which was made in yesterday's STAR, was sent to jail for 15 days yesterday. Owen Quince, Phillips' opponent, is still at large. If caught his punishment will doubtless be more severe, as he used a deadly weapon.

— Jailor King brought back another colored crazy woman from the Goldsboro asylum yesterday. Her name was Mary Hays and she was taken in exchange for Henrietta Cooper. Mr. King left again last night with another one of his insane prisoners and will return to-day with another which he is to take in exchange.

N. C. Rolling Exposition.

The North Carolina Rolling Exposition is now on exhibition at the Nutt street crossing of the Atlantic Coast Line. Hours 9 A. M. to 10 P. M. Admission, 10 cents; children under 10 years, 5 cents; schools accompanied by teachers in a body, each 5 cents. This rolling palace is loaded with the products of the State. †

MR. JOHN E. NIEMYER.

A Veteran Locomotive Engineer—Died Yesterday in This City of Heart Disease.

Mr. John E. Niemyer, a veteran locomotive engineer and a man of exceptional worth, entered into rest yesterday afternoon at 1.30 o'clock. Chronic heart disease produced death, and from this malady for the past two years Mr. Niemyer had been a constant sufferer. He has been dangerously ill since January. For some weeks past his son and daughter, Mr. James Niemyer, of Raleigh, and Mrs. Louis Wacksmith, of Rocky Mount, have been at his bedside. These and his wife are the only members of the immediate family surviving the deceased.

Mr. Niemyer was 66 years and 5 months of age, and was born in Hamburg, Germany. He came to this country and settled in Wilmington. He had been here only a short while when his father died and he was left to battle for himself. He began work first at a saw mill, soon working up to a responsible position. About 1850 or 1852 he ran on the line of steamers run between here and Charleston by the W. & W. Railroad before the old Wilmington & Manchester road was built. After the boats were sold Mr. Niemyer ran as engineer on some of the river boats. In a short while afterward he went back to the railroad in the capacity of a locomotive engineer and held this place until about 1872, when he surrendered his place with the railroad and established a saw mill on the Carolina Central Railroad. This business not proving successful, he came back to the W. & W. Railroad, with which he has been since. For the last two years, however, his health has not permitted of his doing active service. In his duties as an engineer and in his daily intercourse he was steadfast and thoroughly reliable. This is what those who know him intimately say about him.

He was a member of St. Johns' Lodge, No. 1, of Masons, of Germania Lodge, No. 2, Knights of Pythias, and of Seaside Division 314, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. The funeral will take place at 4 o'clock this afternoon from St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, and will be attended with Masonic and Pythian honors. He was insured in Endowment Rank No. 221, Knights of Pythias.

DIED IN NEW YORK CITY,

Mr. Bernard Cass, Who Once Lived in Wilmington.

News was received here yesterday morning of the death of Mr. Bernard Cass, a former Wilmingtonian, who still had many friends in this city. His brother, Mr. Paul Cass, telegraphed the sad intelligence to Secretary J. M. McGowan, of Wilmington Lodge No. 139.

The deceased is a brother of Mr. H. H. Kasprowicz, at one time proprietor of the cigar emporium on Front street, now owned by Mr. Henry J. Gerken, and the deceased was for some time a salesman in the store. He left Wilmington about 6 years ago.

The death occurred Friday night after an illness of several weeks. He was an Odd Fellow and also a member of the Ancient Order of Foresters. Mr. Cass leaves five brothers. They are Messrs. Paul, Millard and Charles Cass and Henry H. and Sam Kasprowicz. The Cass brothers are all in New York, and the Messrs, Kasprowicz's between that point and Chicago.

GETTING READY FOR WAR.

Seven Tons of Ammunition Carried to Caswell—Other Preparations.

The news that a battery of artillery has been ordered to Fort Caswell brings the possibility of war yet more strongly before the people of Wilmington. And this is not the only preparation that is being made. How the steamer *Wilmington* has been carrying down big torpedoes to be planted for the purpose of working deadly execution on hostile ships has already been told in the STAR. Friday night the government boat *James D. Easton* carried down a large quantity of explosives, between six and eight tons in weight, which was brought here over the Atlantic Coast Line. All this goes to show that we are getting ready for war.

The Catch of Shad.

Mr. W. H. Yopp, the well known fish dealer, gives the information that the catch of shad this year is not nearly so large as the fish men would like it. This is owing to the want of freshets. During the past week when the high tide and freshet prevailed, shad were plentiful and the steamer *Wilmington* brought up on one trip 2,000. But now that the river is falling again the shad are getting scarce. The price, however, is reasonable, roe shad selling for 30 cents each, and buck at 15 and 20 cents.

Battery Expected Daily.

Battery I, Second Regiment of the United States Artillery, is expected here daily. It has been heretofore stationed at Fort Monroe, and as the orders are for immediate movement, it ought not to be long before the battery puts in its appearance. Capt. Caziarc is in command.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such cases steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

A YOUNG HYPNOTIST.

Entertainment by Master Milton Breckenridge at the Opera House.

The most sceptical was convinced yesterday afternoon that young Milton Breckenridge can really hypnotize people. The audience that greeted him was not large, but it was thoroughly appreciative and gave the young hypnotist the respectful attention which his unusual powers most certainly justified.

And what must have struck everybody in the house—young Breckenridge has as perfect control over himself as he has over others. He was as self-possessed on his first appearance as if he had been facing audiences all his life. Mr. John G. Marshall introduced him in an appropriate manner.

Plenty of subjects were available and some had to be turned off. All kinds of tricks were performed. Some of the subjects were mdde to go to sleep, others were made frantic with imaginary fleas, still others were made to imagine they were in a balloon. Another performance will find a much large house. Master Breckenridge's hypnotism is the genuine thing. The STAR is informed that Mr. George Dukes, the young man who was put to sleep yesterday, is willing to be hypnotised again and be placed in a show window for a day or perhaps longer.

Capt. Ben Russell's Invention.

Capt. Ben Russell, of Engine Company No. 1, has invented and put into operation one of the most complete arrangements a-going for dropping the chains which prevent the horses from coming out of their stalls. He has one magnet attached to the stall nearest the centre of the building and by skilful electrical work he has arranged so that a current from this magnet will throw every chain in the house before the gong sounds.

The arrangement is a great improvement over the old plan, which required a magnet at every stall. Whenever a horse kicked the side of the stall previously or tried to lie down the jar would throw the chain, causing considerable trouble by letting the horses out into the hall at all times of the night. No such trouble as this may be expected now, as the heaviest kind of a jar would not, under Capt. Russell's ingenious arrangement, disturb the fastenings in the slightest.

The Phœnix engine house will be equipped at once with the excellent contrivance which is working so well at the Atlantic.

Three of Justice Fowler's Cases.

In Justice Jno. J. Fowler's court yesterday Dan George was adjudged not guilty of an assault upon Ellis Patrick, colored. Ed Jefferson, colored, was required to give a $50 bond for his appearance at the next term of the Criminal Court to answer the charge of damaging personal property. He cut in shreds an overcoat owned by Walter Hill. Jefferson was first arrested on a warrant for assault and battery and an amendment was allowed.

Roberta Gore, the negro woman referred to in the STAR several days ago as having been arrested in jail while carrying food to her imprisoned sweetheart, was tried for larceny as charged in the warrant by which her arrest was made by Deputy Sellers. Justice Fowler dismissed the case. The principal witness has moved to Pender county.

Asparagus from Middle Sound.

The warm weather of the last few days has had a wonderful effect upon Spring vegetables, the truck growers say. Stuff is springing up in a hurry and the markets will be shortly well supplied with vegetables. Two fine specimens of asparagus, about the first of the season, were shown a STAR reporter yesterday. One was in the hands of Mr. W. J. Kirkham and was grown by Mr. B. B. Humphrey on Middle Sound. The other was grown on Middle Sound by County Commissioner W. F. Alexander, who says that asparagus shipments will begin shortly.

Miss Yates Also a Member.

In referring to the senior class of the Greensboro Normal School and their visit to Washington, D. C., in yesterday's STAR the name of Miss Lydia Yates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Yates, of this city, was by accident omitted. So there are three charming young Wilmingtonians who are members of the class and are now seeing the sights of the national capitol under such favorable and pleasurable auspices. They are Miss Lina O. Wiggins, daughter of Mrs. E. B. Wiggins; Miss Susie Parsley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Parsley, and Miss Yates.

Sedgeley Hall Club.

Mr. H. E. Bonitz, who is architect and superintendent of the Sedgeley Hall Club, informs the STAR that work is progressing satisfactorily. The frame work is up and everything looks favorable to the final completion by the first or middle of May. Mr. T. F. Tyler, the contractor and builder, came up to the city yesterday and also reports satisfactory progress.

H. and L. Station Improvements.

The yard on the west side of the Hook and Ladder headquarters on Dock street is to be converted into a flower garden. The boys began to prepare the soil for seed yesterday. They will also whitewash the fence about the building. Another improvement to be made is a bath-room in the living apartment on the second floor—a partition is to be built and a good bath-tub placed.

THE NAVAL RESERVES.

Wilmington Division in Receipt of a Fencing Outfit—A Hotchkiss Gun on the Way.

The STAR announced several days ago that the Navy Department at Washington would very soon send the Wilmington Division of Naval Reserves a complete fencing outfit and a one-pounder Hotchkiss gun. The fencing outfit, and also a supply of new leggins, has been received and the boys are spending their spare moments learning the art of fencing. The equipment comprises fencing swords, masks and breast protectors. There were several interesting fencing bouts last night, in which the participants gave promise of early proficiency.

The Hotchkiss gun is expected to arrive within the next day or two and will be placed in one of the storage rooms under the armory.

A STAR representative called at the armory last night and as he was bidding the boys good night some of them called after him, "We are ready to go!" There was a pause and another added, "to the woods." The latter was at once accused of being a mind reader. However, laying jokes aside, the STAR confidently expects great things from Wilmington's Naval Reserves should they be called into active service.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

The Celebration This Year Will be Especially Interesting.

This year being the one hundredth anniversary of the famous Irish rebellion of 1798, the exercises of the Hibernian Society in honor of St. Patrick's day, next Thursday, March 17th, will be of an especially elaborate nature. The society will meet as usual at the hall in the morning and proceed in a body to St. Thomas' Catholic Church. After services the election of officers will take place at the hall, after which an adjournment will be taken until 8 o'clock at night, when the following excellent programme will be observed:

1. Piano solo, Miss Cecilia Quinlivan.
2. Address of Welcome, the President, Mr. M. O'Brien. Vocal solo, Mrs. J. H. Watters.
3. "The Day We Celebrate," Col. Jno. L. Cantwell. Vocal solo, Mr. Robert Banks.
4. "The Irish Rebellion of 1798," Mr. John Dyer. Vocal solo, Miss Maie O'Connor.
5. "The Land of Our Adoption," Mr. Jas. Madden. Vocal solo, Mr. H. K. Holden.
6. "The Hibernian Society," Mr. T. Donlan. Vocal solo, Mr. Jas. Reilly.
7. "The North State," vocal quartette.
8. Address to the ladies, Mr. J. H. Sweeney. Vocal solo, Miss Maie O'Connor.
9. Impromptu speeches by Fathers Dennen, Griffin, Quinn, Col. F. W. Kerchner and others.
10. Finale, instrumental duet, Misses Carroll and Banks.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, corner of Market and Sixth streets. Morning service at 11 o'clock by Rev. Prof. C. L. T. Fisher, of Elizabeth College, Charlotte, N. C., evening service at 7.30 o'clock by Rev G. D. Bernheim. All services this day in the English language. Sunday school at 3.30 P. M. All seats free.

St. Matthew's English Lutheran Church, Fourth street above Bladen street, Rev. G. D. Bernheim pastor. Morning service at 11 o'clock. No service at night. Sunday school at 9.30 A. M. All seats free and every person cordially invited.

St. Thomas' Church: First mass and Holy Communion, 7 A. M.; last mass and sermon, 10.30 A. M.; vespers, sermon, character and suffering of Christ in Passion, 7.45 P. M.

St. James' Church, third Sunday in Lent: 11 A. M., the Litany, sermon and Holy Communion; 5 P. M., evening prayer. Sunday School at 3.45 P. M. Services for the week: Monday, 5 P. M.; Tuesday, 7.30 A. M. and 5 P. M.; Wednesday, 11 A. M. and 8 P. M.; Thursday, 7.30 A. M. and 5 P. M.; Friday, 11 A. M. and 5 P. M.; Saturday, 7.30 A. M. and 5 P. M. The public cordially invited.

Services in St. John's Church to-day, third Sunday in Lent, by Rev. Dr. Carmichael. Holy Communion at 7.30 A. M. Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock; evening prayer at 5 o'clock. Sunday School at 4 P. M.

Services for seamen this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the Reading Room of the Sailor's Home. Conducted by Rev. Kenneth McDonald.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—142 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine, 8 bbls tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—37 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 118 bbls tar, 2 bbls crude turpentine.

Carolina Central Railroad—26 bales cotton, 57 bbls tar.

C. F. & Y. V. Railroad—16 bales cotton, 13 spirits turpentine, 291 bbls rosin, 35 bbls tar.

Steamer A. P. Hurt—9 bales cotton, 9 casks spirits turpentine, 164 bbls rosin, 157 bbls tar.

Gore's Flat—102 casks spirits turpentine.

Total—Cotton, 230 bales; spirits turpentine, 128 casks; rosin, 455 bbls; tar, 375 bbls, crude turpentine, 2 bbls.

Fell on the Cobble Stones.

Mr. A. G. Gladsom, a farmer living near Acorn Branch, was thrown from his cart in a runaway yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock near the corner of Front and Walnut streets. His head was painfully cut by falling on one of the cobble stones. He went to Dr. E. S. Pigford's office and had the gash, which was three or four inches long and over his right temple, sewed up.

— Mr. D. I. Watson, of Southport, was a visitor in Wilmington yesterday.

INDICATIONS OF WAR.

Stronger and More Assured Than at Any Time Since the Maine Incident.

CRISIS EVIDENT AT HAVANA.

Advices From General Lee Show That Immediate Action is Needed—Decisive Steps Will be Taken This Week.

[*Special to the Richmond Dispatch.*]

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 11.—The indications of war to-night are stronger and more assured than at any time since the blowing up of the Maine, or the expression of a desire for the recall of Consul General Lee by the Spanish Government. It is predicted that next week will bring the most important developments, and that the people of the United States will realize that their confidence in placing fifty millions at the disposal of the President was not misplaced. The creation to-day of the Department of the South, as distinct from that of the East, was the first intimation of the active army preparations now being made by the administration.

All the troops in the West have been ordered to hold themselves in readiness for immediate transfer to the defences along the Atlantic seaboard. It is also said that intimations have been sent to the Governors of all the Southern States that the militia may be called upon for service in the United States army.

Perhaps the most active preparation to-day was the action of the War Department in making Fort Monroe, Va., the distributing point for ordnance and ammunition. Sixteen carloads of powder passed through to-day for Fort Monroe from Wilmington, Del. Ten mortars and 76,000 pounds of ammunition went through to-day, over the Atlantic Coast Line to Pensacola, Fla.

There is evidently a crisis at Havana. Advices from Consul General Lee go to show that immediate action is needed. It is apparent now that there will be short, sharp, and decisive steps taken the coming week.

Will Be Tried Monday.

Justice Bunting yesterday disposed of three criminal cases. The two most important however, were postponed until Monday at 10 o'clock. They were against Tom Brown, colored, charging him with breaking open the depot of the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad and Lizzie Clow for receiving the stolen goods, a pistol and several other items. The charge is made that Brown broke open the office at the depot Friday night. The arrests were made yesterday by Deputy Sheriff Flynn The other case was for assault and battery against James Clark. Judgment was suspended on payment of costs.

DIED.

NIEMYER—In this city at 1.30 P. M., March 13th, JOHN E. NIEMYER, aged 66 years and 5 months.

Funeral will take place at 4 P. M. to-day, from the residence, thence to St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, thence to Oakdale Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

*** Raleigh papers please copy.

St. John's Lodge No. 1, A. F. & A. M.

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO assemble at St. John's Hall this Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of our deceased brother, John E. Niemyer. The members of other lodges of the city and visiting brethren are invited to attend.

By order of the W. M.
WM. M. POISSON,
mar 13 1t Secretary.

Castle Hall,

GERMANIA LODGE NO. 4, K. OF P., March 13.

BRETHREN—You are hereby ordered to assemble at your Castle Hall at 3 o'clock this (Sunday) afternoon, to attend the funeral of our deceased brother, John E. Niemyer.

By order of the C. C.
H. F. HAAR,
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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 13, 1898

SOME SUN-SHINE.

The attitude of the South in view of the impending rupture with Spain has attracted the attention of the North, and called forth very high commendation from men that are little disposed to commend anything Southern, and even from some who once seemed to be most congenially employed when criticising and abusing the South. We published something a short while ago from an interview with ex-Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, who not so many years ago might be classed as a South hater, in which he paid high tribute to the self poise, conservatism and splendid patriotism of the Southern people as exemplified in their admirable cool-headed demeanor, when other sections were running wild with excitement. It was this interview, probably, with the unanimous action of Congress expressive of its determination to support the administration in all necessary measures for the defence of the country in the event of war, that suggested the following editorial in the New York *Sun*, which is if anything a higher compliment to the South than that paid to it by Mr. Ingalls. We quote it in full because it cannot be very well curtailed or condensed without mutilating:

"The fervid American patriotism manifested in Congress by both Senators and Representatives of all parties and every part of the Union is in itself a great victory won. It is likely to prove a safeguard of peace with Spain, but is of far more importance as a demonstration that this republic is now thoroughly, compactly, and heartily united.

"The retention of Gen. Fitzhugh Lee at Havana by the present Administration was both prudent, so far as concerns our relations with Cuba and Spain, and grateful to the Southern people as a manifestation that a Republican President is not swayed by any narrow sectional prejudices, and is altogether free from animosities created by the civil war of a generation ago. Fitzhugh Lee, a nephew of the famous Gen. Robert E. Lee, and himself a General of conspicuous service in the Confederate army, bears a name and has a personality which appeal to the hearts of the Southern people. Hence also the recent suggestion that in the event of war with Spain he should be made Bigadier-General in the United States army touched deeply the sensibilities and awakened quickly the pride of the South. It is an appointment which not improbably would be made under such circumstances and would be accepted by the people universally as peculiarly happy.

"As Gen. Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, has remarked, the South is yet too near to the horrors of the civil war to be eager for a new war. The same feeling prevails throughout the Union among the generation which endured the strain and suffered the hardships of that awful fratricidal conflict, but at the South, where it was waged with bitterness for four years on hundreds of battlefields, the scars are still visible and the smart is not yet healed completely. The South desires rather to continue in its recovery from the disasters of war than to invite another conflict, in which it would be subjected to the possibilities of transitory damage along its coast line and to losses occasioned by interruptions of its commerce. Hence, fortunately for the whole country, the South maintains special calmness at this time of strained relations with Spain. As ex-Senator Ingalls found during a recent tour through the Southern States, the people are resolved to stand by the Government, whatever the event, but they are not losing their heads in bellicose excitement. They are waiting coolly and in a judicial frame of mind and taking no snap judgments. But this reserve is only an indication of resolute strength ready for the defence of the republic if occasion shall demand its expenditure. No one who visits the South can fail to be impressed by the splendid material for an army which there appears on all sides. It is distinctively a fighting population; everywhere are the evidences of a physical vigor which refutes utterly the notion once entertaind by people ignorant of the actual Southerners that it lacks the strength acquired in a ruggeder climate. Nowhere in the world are there finer examples of physical manhood. The Southern grasp in the handshake alone furnishes indubitable evidence of a peculiar muscular vigor.

"It is, therefore, not from any deficiency of the military spirit that the South refrains from war bluster. It is the calm reserve of people confident in their power and courage. If the need came for the national defence there would arise an army in the Southern States which would rival the matchless Army of Northern Virginia led by General Lee.

"Thus a war cloud has been transformed into a rainbow of national promise. From the very foundation of this republic dangerous elements of discussion appeared, and they made inevitable the civil war of a generation ago. Peace came, but the seeds of bitter sectional animosities remained to disturb the course of our politics. The whole South, so far as the white population was concerned, adhered to a single political party, largely as an expression of opposition to the North, dominated by the other political party. Parties therefore were sectional, and the consequence was the preservation of the old-time spirit of disunion. It was an untoward, a dangerous political situation, due rather to passion and prejudice than to reasonable difference of political opinion concerning questions affecting the common prosperity; and it has remained such with little variation up to this time. Economical changes at the South have tended during very recent years to produce some transformation in this Southern political solidity, but the demonstration of a feeling of common American fraternity, sweeping away all merely sectional lines of division, has not been made emphatic throughout the Union until now. Now, in truth, there is no North, no South, no East, no West, but America presents itself to the world as one great and united nation, against which no foreign power and no combination of foreign States can hope to wage successful war. This patriotic manifestation affords the best assurance that the outcome of the present complications with Spain will be peaceful; but it will be a peace glorified by the rescue of Cuba from cruel and rapacious Spanish dominion."

The *Sun*, which is now a Republican paper, was once a Democratic paper, and it hasn't entirely forgotten the fact that it has heretofore defended the South when unjustly assailed by partisan malice, and this article reads as if it might have been inspired by the same spirit of justice and fair play that inspired it then. While there is a political streak running through it, suggested, no doubt, by the present surroundings and political affiliations of the *Sun*, it is essentially true and is therefore a high tribute to the Southern people.

There is no doubt that the broad patriotism exhibited by the Southern people at this time, and the unanimity with which their representatives in both Houses of Congress joined hands with the representatives of other sections in support of the Government has done much to draw the sections closer together and to sweep away sectional lines, but that same disposition was manifested when the Venezuelan question became a subject of international discussion, and there were apprehensions of a possible rupture with Great Britain. The South endorsed what it considered the brave and virile Americanism of Grover Cleveland, and would have rallied to the support of the Government then, in case of need, with as much alacrity as it will go to the support of the Government now in case of need, and Great Britain would have been a much more formidable antagonist than two or three Spains. The conduct of the South then was in striking contrast to that of some portions of the North where Mr. Cleveland's action was criticised as an extreme and unwarranted interpretation of the Monroe Doctrine, which would involve us in trouble with other nations, and almost certainly with Great Britain, for which there would be no compensating gain. The South endorsed the action of the President because it was manly, brave Americanism, and in her unselfish patriotism stood in striking contrast to the Northern commercial centers, which scowled and growled and cowered at the possible tumble in the price of stocks, and the danger of a shot from some British warship landing on their housetops. Partisans who saw this but didn't want to give Southern patriotism credit for it, attributed it to the fact that the administration which so bravely drew the line on Great Britain was a Democratic administration, but this is disproved by the cordiality and unanimity with which the South supports the present Republican administration.

But this is only history repeating itself and but adding a couple more chapters to the record the South made when it stood by the Government in the war of 1812 and in the Mexican war, when Southern men rallied and fought, while others found disordant fault and hung back. From the Revolution to the present time there never was an national emergency when Southern valor and Southern patriotism were not conspicuously at the front, as they would be now, although the South has nothing to gain, but much to lose by a conflict with a foreign nation, which makes its unselfish patriotism the more striking and more worthy of admiration. But there never was a time since the wounds of reconstruction were healed that the Southern people would not under the same conditions respond promptly to meet with arms the armed assailants from any foreign country.

MINOR MENTION.

One of the reasons given for the increased production of cotton in the face of the fact that the price was falling year after year is that as the price fell the planters found it necessary to produce more to make any money at all. How much truth there may be in this we do not know but there is doubtless some. It seems that the tobacco growers act on the same principle, if the following, which we find in the Mount Airy *News*, be correct:

"We believe, from what we can learn, that the farmers of Surry and adjoining counties will plant more tobacco this year than last. They tell us they have to sell their leaf for half price and are compelled to double the acreage if they make anything. Fertilizer inspectors who have been in the eastern counties say they never saw so much fertilizer, and that sales will be double those of last season, and that the acreage in tobacco will be doubled."

We gather from our Eastern exchanges that there will be in some counties, if not in all of those which grow tobacco, an increase of acreage, but this is generally attributed to the low price of cotton, the farmers being disposed to take their chances on tobacco rather than on cotton, so that there is great danger of their overdoing the tobacco business as cotton growing has been overdone. But the fact is that the tobacco growers in the upper portion of the State have shown even less judgment and thrift by travelling in the all-tobacco rut than the cotton growers have by travelling in the all-cotton rut, while they have not the same incentives. They can't borrow money as readily on either the growing or harvested tobacco as the cotton planter can on his growing or harvested cotton, for it is not only subject to vicissitudes in the field, but is subject to great and sudden fluctuations in the market, and liable to damage—either by sudden changes of temperature or by careless handling. Take it all in all, it is a crop that must be handled very carefully from the time it is planted until it is marketed, and the grower can never, when he plants it, form anything like a safe estimate as to what he will get out of it. But they go on increasing the acreage all the same, borrowing money to make the crop, and neglecting to raise their bread and meat. The result of this is that the upper country, where tobacco is the leading crop, is not in as good condition now as it was twenty years ago.

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While there may be no actual alliance between Great Britain and Japan on the Eastern question, they seem to be working in accord, with the understanding doubtless that if war result they will support each other. Japan is not going to enter into any agreement that would handicap her in the future, and being close to the field of operations she is in a much better position to assert herself than any of the other powers, for they have to traverse thousands of miles to protect what they hold on the Chinese coast. The movements of Russia concern her more than those of either Great Britain, Germany or France, for with a harbor as a place for sheltering and massing Russian war ships, and with the trans-Siberian railway completed and extending to Port Arthur, the facilities she would have for the rapid transportation of men, supplies, and munitions of war, she would soon be in position to master China, and defy the other governments, including Japan. This accounts for the assertiveness that Japan has displayed, and also for the accord which Great Britain shows in chiming in with Japan. The dispatches sent out a few days ago told about the demands that Japan had made upon Russia regarding the occupation of Port Arthur, and these are followed up by the announcement that Great Britain has entered a strong protest with China against the cession of that port to Russia, which is practically supporting the position that Japan takes. Perhaps the concert of action between those two nations may lead to a modification of the conditions that will for some time avert actual hostilities, but the clash of interests must eventually come that will culminate in something more than talk and protests.

Mr. Moore, of New York, shows his patriotism by offering the Government $1,000 without interest, payable when the Government chooses, or never, if it prefers, as a starter for a $100,000,000 unconditional loan. Among the rich men of this country there ought to be more of the Moore kind.

TWINKLINGS.

— "Have you ever noticed how war promotes a literature of its own?" "Yes; that is one of the horrors of war."—*Philadelphia North American.*

—A Patriot—First Citizen—"Are you a Democrat or a Republican?" Second Citizen—"Sir, I believe the Maine was blown up."—*Philadelphia North American.*

— Willie Boy—"If I promise to learn my lesson, papa, will you give me a quarter?" Papa—"Yes, my son." Willie Boy—"And what will you give me if I do learn it?"—*Truth.*

— Saving His Nerves—"What!" shouted the stern parent, "not marry my daughter? Why, sir, you have sat with your arm about her hour after hour?" "Yes, that was to keep her from singing."—*Detroit Free Press.*

—An Able Man—"Yes, sir; Bleecker would make money out of anything." "Is he so lucky?" "I should say so. Why, he married a penniless girl two years ago, and he got her a position that brings him in $1,200 a year."—*Life.*

— Kippax—"You seem very much affected at the tragic fate of 'Juliet,' Miss Sniffin; I thought I saw tears in your eyes." Miss Sniffin—"Yes, Mr. Kippax, it does seem so sad to think that the lady who played 'Juliet' is not really dead!"—*Truth.*

— "Our Representative," says the Plunketville *Bugle*, whose editor did not get the postoffice, "has been in Congress a year or thereabouts, and the only measure he has ever opened his mouth about is a pint."—*Indianapolis Journal.*

If you are not feeling well, why don't you take Hood's Sarsaparilla? It will purify and enrich your blood and do you wonderful good. †

FRENCH FANCY SILK WAISTS FROM HARPER'S BAZAR

ONE of the new spring fancies is illustrated in a bodice of Wedgewood-blue silk strapped with blue velvet of a much darker shade. The front is original, made with a wide box-pleat banded in the darker tone. This box-pleat is bordered each side with double ruffles of hem-stitched lawn—a French fancy for trimming silk, and even cloth. The bodice has little basques set over the hips and back, with vertical rows of velvet, which are a continuation of those from the shoulder seams. The sleeves, of the small variety one now sees on all fancy bodices, are finished at the wrist with plain lawn cuffs, and trimmed in the same style as the rest of the bodice, with velvet lines in a diagonal direction. The band at the throat is arranged for a detachable collar, which is worn with a cravat of the same material as the waist, and likewise banded. The belt is of velvet with an old silver buckle.

A light-weight fancy wool in wi-taria-color is the material of another imported model. A yoke of Russian embroidery, which is most lavishly used in Paris at present, is outlined in the back, as well as in the front, with three tiny ruffles of lawn bound with black gauze ribbon. These little frills graduate to the waist, where they are confined by a pointed and rather narrow satin girdle. The collar of the same satin, draped, is finished with a corresponding ruffle. The sleeves, in a diminutive mutton-leg style, are adorned at the wrist with two tiny black-bordered frills. The proper cut of both waists can be obtained from the cut patterns furnished by HARPER'S BAZAR, where they appear.

THE PRICE SHE PAYS.

RUDYARD KIPLING.

We have fed our sea for a thousand years,
And she calls us still, unfed,
Though there's never a wave of all her waves
But marks our English dead.
We have strewed our best to the weed's unrest,
To the shark and the specring gull;
If blood be the price of admiralty,
Lord, God, we ha' paid it in full!

There's never a flood goes shoreward now
But lifts a keel we manned;
There's never an ebb goes seaward now
But drops our dead on the sand—
But slings our dead on the sands forlorn,
From the Ducies to the Swin—
If blood be the price of admiralty,
Lord, God, we ha' paid it in!

We must feed our sea for a thousand years,
For that is our doom and pride,
And it was when they sailed with the Golden Hind
Or the wreck that struck last tide—
Or the wreck that lies on the spouting reef
Where the ghastly blue lights flare.
If blood be the price of admiralty,
Lord, God, we ha' bought it fair!

SUNDAY SELECTIONS.

— Suffering is a title to an excellent inheritance.—*Jeremy Taylor.*

— Fear enslaves, courage liberates—and that always.—*F. W. Robertson.*

— Serve God by doing common actions in a heavenly spirit.—*Spurgeon.*

— God is as deep, and long, and high as our little world of circumstances.—*A. B. Simpson.*

— Every true Christian should earnestly seek the praise of Christ and learn to live without seeking the praise of men.

— The best teacher of duties that still lie dim to us is the practice of those we see and have at hand.—*Thomas Carlyle.*

— Let your work be for Christ and you will then be occupied far more with your work than with what others may think about it.

— When religion is made a science, there is nothing more intricate; when it is made a duty, nothing is more easy.—*Wilson.*

— The religion of Christ has made a republic like ours possible, and the more we have of this religion the better the republic.—*Field.*

— The cultivation of the intellect above the heart and the cultivation of the heart apart from supernatural help are the bane of present day Christianity.

— The oak tree, separated from its fellows grows better than when hemmed in by other trees. Even so does the soul grow better when separated for the service of God.

— The very greatness of the ocean enables it to fill every creek and bay. Even so the very greatness of God enables Him to fill every need, however small, of the heart.

Beats the Klondike.

Mr. A. C. Thomas, of Marysville, Tex., has found a more valuable discovery than has yet been made in the Klondike. For years he suffered untold agony from consumption, accompanied by hemorrhages; and was absolutely cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. He declares that gold is of little value in comparison with this marvelous cure; would have it, even if it cost a hundred dollars a bottle. Asthma, Bronchitis and all throat and lung affections are positively cured by Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption. Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY'S Drug Store. Regular size 50 cts. and $1.00. Guaranteed to cure or price refunded. †

I have been afflicted with rheumatism for fourteen years, and nothing seemed to give any relief. I was able to be around all the time, but constantly suffering. I had tried everything I could hear of, and at last was told to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which I did, and was immediately relieved and in a short time cured. I am happy to say that it has not since returned.—Josh Edgar, Germantown, Cal. For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist.

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The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Wilson *Times:* The knitting mill is an assured success. Much enthusiasm has been shown, and over eighty shares have been subscribed, making the establishing of the mills assured.

— Monroe *Enquirer:* Plans are on foot for another cotton mill for Monroe. Matters are in such shape just now that nothing definite can be given, but the outlook for another cotton mill here is very bright.

— Sanford *Express:* It is believed that the fire that destroyed the Cumnock Coal plant was the work of an incendiary. ——Southern Pines has become a resort for Southern people. We notice that several parties from Atlanta, Ga., have been stopping there this season.

— Wadesboro *Messenger-Intelligencer:* Mrs. D. D. Teal, of McFarlan, dropped dead last Thursday. The deceased was the wife of Mr. Doc Teal and was about 60 years old. Apoplexy was the cause of her death. —— A cotton seed oil mill for Wadesboro is now being agitated, and there is every reason to believe that the matter will not be allowed to stop at that.

— Monroe *Journal:* A colored woman named Dees was committed to jail last week, charged with infanticide. She has been the mother of thirteen children. —— The most ponderous document ever in the office here for registration was received this week; it is a mortgage executed by the Moore County and Western Railroad Company to the International Trust Company, of Boston, and the sum is $1,000,000. The proposed road is to run from Southern Pines or Aberdeen to Concord, and why the paper is registered here we do not know

— Lincoln *Journal:* Some days ago the large Newfoundland dog of Maj. W. A. Graham, of Machpelah, went mad and ran amuck through that section, biting every thing that it ran across, until it came to the home of Henry Howard, near Denver, where it attacked and badly mangled a mule and cow belonging to Mr. Howard, and laid siege to the house. Mr. James Davis, in passing, heard the screams of the terrified women and children who had shut themselves up in the house. He found the dog on the porch, in front of the door, chewing and mangling a dog of Mr. Howard's. Procuring a shot-gun Mr. Davis killed the rabid animal. Mr. Howard's mule and cow were both so torn by the dog's teeth that they died. Almost every dog along the route followed by the mad-dog has been killed and a large-sized scare has a fine grip upon that community.

CURRENT COMMENT.

The appropriation of $50,000,000 for guns and powder and things affords no reason why we should be going around swearing we can "whip all creation." Such talk is undignified.—*Richmond Dispatch, Dem.*

—— One reason for Captain General Blanco's reticence may be that he is as greatly disgusted with the Cuban situation as Weyler left it as are the American friends of the wretched natives.—*Philadelphia Press, Rep.*

If the patriotic pensioners would relinquish one year's bounty of the government and request that the fund be devoted to providing national defenses, what a magnificent and world-defying navy, and what invulnerable fortifications, could be provided; and all for twelve months' pensions.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— The figures of Great Britain's estimates for naval and military expenses make our proposed expenditure of $50,000,000 look comparatively trifling. For the British naval estimate the total appropriation is $188,000,000. Adding to this the army estimates for a year gives a total of $240,000,000 as the cost of the defences of the British Empire during a year of ordinary tranquility and peaceful relations with the rest of the world.—*New York World, Dem.*

"You s[illegible] will money to buy food for a hungry man whose face you never saw up to this time."

"Yes, sir," replied meandering Mike.

"Where is he?"

"He's standing right here," was the hesitating reply. "I'm him."—Washington Star.

Spring

Is the season for new life in nature, new vigor in our physical systems. As the fresh sap carries life into the trees, so our blood should give us renewed strength and vigor. In its impure state it cannot do this, and the aid of Hood's Sarsaparilla is imperatively needed.

It will purify, vitalize and enrich the blood, and with this solid, correct foundation, it will build up good health, create a good appetite, tone your stomach and digestive organs, strengthen your nerves and overcome or prevent that tired feeling. This has been the experience of thousands. It will be yours if you take

Hood's Sarsaparilla

America's Greatest Medicine. Sold by all druggists. $1.

Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

Vitality of Cats.

It's an old saying that "a cat has nine lives," and, like most old sayings, not supposed to have any truth in it, but from recent investigations it really seems that a cat can hold on to life under circumstances where any other creature would die. A cat's life may be proved to be at the least three times the worth of a dog's. Put a cat and a dog of the same age in a "lethal chamber." The cat will always outlive the dog. On one occasion it was noticed the dog was dead in 5 minutes and the cat still breathing 40 minutes later. A cat has been known to recover after two hours' immersion in cold water, and another came back to life eight hours after apparent death from a dose of prussic acid.—Strand Magazine.

Dropped.

"Why does Miss Eider always drop her eyes when she meets you?"

"If you will never give it away, I will tell you. She drops her eyes because I saw her drop her teeth one day."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Malaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to the stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, Druggist. †

Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptish Church at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "A few applications of this liniment proved of great service to me. It subdued the inflammation and relieved the pain. Should any sufferer profit by giving Pain Balm a trial, it will please me." For sale by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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Standard		@	7¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ ℔	12	@	14
Sides ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
Shoulders ℔ ℔	6	@	7½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ ℔	5½	@	6
Shoulders ℔ ℔		@	5½
BARRELS-Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 00	@	1 10
New New Mork, each		@	1 20
New City, each		@	1 30
BEESWAX ℔ ℔		@	22
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	5 00	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	18	@	25
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	46	@	48
Virginia Meal	46	@	48
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	85
CANDLES—℔ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	10
CHEESE—℔ ℔—			
Northern Factory	10	@	11
Dairy, Cream		@	11
State	10½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ ℔—			
Laguyra	12	@	16
Rio	7½	@	10
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	1½
Yarns, ℔ bunch	18	@	20
EGGS—℔ dozen	10	@	11
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	2 50	@	3 50
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel		@	6 50
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ ℔	5	@	10
" Extra	4 25	@	5 50
FLOUR—℔ ℔—			
Low grade		@	4 00
Choice		@	4 90
Straight		@	5 25
First Patent	5 50	@	6 00
GLUE—℔ ℔	7½	@	8½
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White		@	43
Car load, in bags—White		@	47
Oats, from store		@	40
Oats, Rust Proof		@	45
Cow Peas		@	60
HIDES—℔ ℔—			
Green		@	8
Dry		@	12
HAY, ℔ 100 lbs—			
Clover Hay	80	@	85
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	90
Western		@	85
North River		@	75
HOOP IRON, ℔ ℔	1½	@	2
LARD, ℔ ℔—			
Northern	5½	@	6
North Carolina	6	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 25
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough-edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	28
Barbadoes in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads		@	37
Porto Rico, in barrels		@	28
Sugar-House, in hogsheads	13	@	14
Sugar-House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	12	@	15
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis	1 45	@	1 50
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess	11 50	@	12 00
Rump		@	11 50
Prime		@	11 50
ROPE, ℔ ℔	10	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack Alum		@	1 10
Liverpool		@	65
Lisbon		@	
American		@	65
On 120 ℔ Sacks		@	45
SHINGLES, 7-inch, ℔ M	5 00	@	6 50
Common	1 50	@	2 25
Cypress Sawed	2 50	@	3 50
SUGAR, ℔ ℔—Standard Gran'd		@	5½
Standard A		@	5¼
White Extra C		@	5
Extra C, Golden		@	4¾
C, Yellow		@	4½
SOAP—℔ ℔—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping		@	9 00
Mill, Prime		@	7 00
Mill, Fair	6 50	@	6 50
Common Mill	4 00	@	3 50
Inferior to Ordinary		@	3 00
SHINGLES, N. C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	7 50	@	8 50
" Sap	5 00	@	6 00
5x24 Heart	4 50	@	5 00
" Sap	4 00	@	4 50
6x24 Heart	6 00	@	6 50
" Sap	5 00	@	5 50
TALLOW, ℔ ℔		@	4
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon-Northern	1 00	@	2 00
North Carolina	1 00	@	2 00
WOOL, ℔ ℔—Unwashed	8	@	16

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, March 12.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market quiet at 34 cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 38½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.25 per bbl for Strained and $1.30 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market steady at $1.05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Nominal; nothing doing.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing; rosin firm, $1.45, $1.50; tar firm, $1.00; crude turpentine nominal, $1.30, $1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	128
Rosin	453
Tar	375
Crud Turpentine	2

Receipts same day last year, 15 casks spirits turpentine, 331 bbls rosin, 142 bbls tar, 0 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market quiet on a basis of 5¾c. per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3 5-16 cts.	℔ lb
Good Ordinary	4½	" "
Low Middling	5 5-16	" "
Middling	5¾	" "
Good Middling	6	" "

Same day last year, middling 7c.

Receipts—230 bales; same day last year, 75.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 40@50c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 55c; Fancy, 60c.

CORN.—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE.—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON.—Steady; hams, 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES.—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to $3.25; seven inch, $3.50 to $6.50.

TIMBER.—Market steady at $3.00 to $7.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Money on call was steady at 2 per cent., with the last loan at 2 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills 483¾@485 for demand; 480¾@481 for sixty days. Posted rates 482@483 and 485@485½. Commercial bills 480. Silver certificates at 54¼@55. Bar silver 54¼. Mexican dollars 44¾. Government bonds were quoted weak; U. S. new 4's, registered 122¼; do. coupon, 122¼; U. S. 4's 111; do. coupon, 112½; U. S. 2's, 98½; U. S. 5's, registered, 112; do. 5's, coupon, 112. State bonds dull; N. C. 6's 125; do. 4's 103.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Rosin was steady; strained, common to good, $1 42½@1 45. Spirits turpentine steady at 36½@37c.

CHARLESTON, March 12.—Spirits turpentine firm at 35½c; no sales. Rosin firm and unchanged; no sales.

SAVANNAH, March 12.—Spirits turpentine—nothing doing; receipts 34 casks. Rosin was firm; sales of 238 barrels; receipts 405 barrels; quotations unchanged.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The cotton market opened at a decline of 1@4 points under quite active local and foreign selling, promises of a duplication of last week's port receipts and lack of outside support. Shortly after the first call pronounced weakness developed under general liquidation led by Wall street interests, induced by a panicky stock market, rumors that the crisis of the Spanish-American trouble was at hand and further depression of American and Spanish securities abroad. A considerable part of early transactions was for the evening-up of accounts over Sunday. There was further liquidation later in the forenoon, under reports that the Montgomery had been blown up, with the market finally easy at about the lowest point, a net loss of 4@8 points. Total sales of 155,100 bales represented an unusually active market for Saturday. Port receipts estimated for the day at 26,000 bales, against 12,888 last week and 11,640 last year. Port receipts for week at 145,000 bales, against 143,522 last week and 66,336 last year. At Memphis 1,194 bales, against 220 last year and at Houston 2,924 against 1,731 last year.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Cotton was easy; middling 6¼c.

Cotton futures closed easy; sales 155,100 bales; March 5.87c, April 5.88c, May 5.91c, June 5.93c, July 5.98c, August 5.99c, September 5.97c, October 5.97c, November 5.97c, December 5.99c, January 6.02c.

Spot cotton closed easy; middling uplands 6¼c; middling gulf 6¾c; sales — bales.

Net receipts 379 bales; gross receipts 3,841 bales; forwarded 1,175 bales; sales —none; stock 199,890 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 27,154 bales; exports to Great Britain 40,232 bales; exports to the Continent 824 bales; stock 1,063,121 bales.

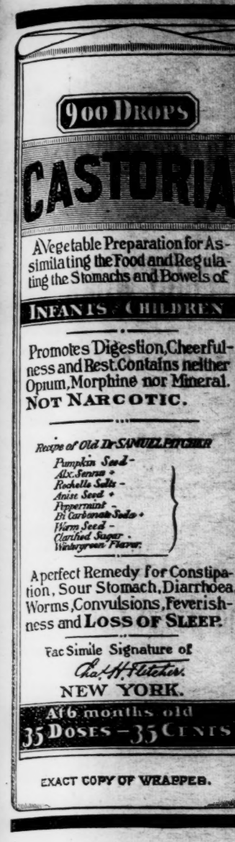
Total since September 1st—Net receipts 1,600,896 bales; exports to Great Britain 2,712,410 bales; exports to France 715,339 bales; exports to the continent 2,255,602 bales.

March 11.—Galveston, quiet at 5¾c, net receipts 1,425 bales; Norfolk, quiet at 5¾c, net receipts 485 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 6¾c, net receipts—bales; Boston, easy at 6 3-16, net receipts 912 bales; Wilmington, dull at 5¾, net receipts 230 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 6¾c, net receipts 545 bales; Savannah quiet at 5 9-16c, net receipts 2,037 bales; New Orleans, easy at 5 9-16c, net receipts 6,686 bales; Mobile, easy at 5¾c, net receipts 1,129 bales; Memphis, steady at 5 11-16c, net receipts 1,194 bales; Augusta, quiet at 5 15-16c, net receipts 238 bales; Charleston, quiet at 5¾c, net receipts 1,394 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 12.—Flour was nominally lower; city mill patents $5 85@6 10; Minnesota patents $5 20@5 45. Wheat—Spot weak; No. 2 red $1 05 free on board; options opened steady on bullish cable news, but quickly developed pronounced weakness under another sensational bear raid and closed heavy at ⅞@1¼c decline; spring wheat receipts and crop news were bearish and also influenced the liquidating movement; No. 2 red March closed $1 03; May closed 88¾c. Corn—Spot easy; No. 2 37c; options opened steady on rains West, but soon followed wheat and turned easier, closing at ¼c net decline; May closed 34¾c; July closed 36c. Oats—Spot weak; No. 2, 31¾c; options quiet and easy, with the other markets, clos



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It turned a kindly heart to gall,
And made mine stop from simple shame.

It changed a current of a life,
It turned me back from fortune's brink—
That little word with portent rife—
Because "I did not stop to think."

I thought of judgment he had lack,
And spoke; 'twas "speaking out of school."
Before the word I could take back,
He said, "You think I am a fool."

"Think twice before you speak." Ah, true
I knew the adage well, and yet
Not fifty words can e'er construe
That one or stop a vain regret.

—Walter Cooper in New York Ledger.

SHOOTING BOUNTY JUMPERS

It Became Imperative After Gettysburg, and Lincoln Refused to Interfere.

"Did you ever see a man shot for desertion?"

"Yes, several of them. The first one was a man of our brigade. He deserted while we were near Fredericksburg and joined the Confederate army. A few weeks before we started for Gettysburg a Confederate deserter reached the lines of another brigade and was placed under guard. A soldier of our brigade passing that way saw the Confederate and was surprised to find that he was the man who had deserted from his company a few weeks before. Found guilty, he was sentenced to be shot. The day upon which he was to die we were on the way to Pennsylvania to help fight the great deciding battle. The deserter was placed in an ambulance, by his coffin, that morning. At noon, after hardtack, pork and coffee, the brigade formed three lines of a square, when the deserter was marched from right to left of the line and seated upon the coffin. Twelve men were marched two or three rods from him. The officer gave the command, 'Ready, aim, fire!' The criminal fell back on his coffin, pierced by five or six bullets. The burial followed immediately, without service, and the brigade pulled out, the band playing a quickstep.

"After the battle of Gettysburg, and when the Fifth corps was camped near the Rappahannock river, in September, the whole command was formed on three sides of a square, the customary formation, and witnessed the shooting of five deserters. All of them were of the class known as bounty jumpers. They had deserted several times, one of them five times. They were New Yorkers. A desperate effort had been made to save their lives. Several committees from the great city had waited upon President Lincoln and pleaded for them. The wives and children of two of them visited the president, but Mr. Lincoln could not be moved. He had overlooked the offense in hundreds of instances, but the time had come when the discipline of the army demanded the severest punishment of soldiers found guilty of that crime.

"Secretary Stanton, for a year before Mr. Lincoln had refused to so punish deserters, had pleaded with him to let the law have its way. Mr. Stanton had told the president many a time that his soft heart was spoiling the army and endangering the life of the nation, but Mr. Lincoln paid little heed until 1868.

"In some portions of the army it was the custom to hang deserters, but in most instances they were shot, and in the presence of their respective commands, as described. The effect was magical. Desertions were little heard of for the next few months."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Sicilian Love Charms.

The love charms of Sicily are many and curious. One, very popular and considered very powerful, is to put into an eggshell a few drops of the blood of the longing lover. The shell is exposed to the sun for three days and to the dew for three nights. It is then placed on hot ashes until calcined, when the whole is reduced to a fine powder and administered secretly in a cup of coffee or a glass of wine to the object of affection. Another charm is for the witch to undress at midnight and tie her clothes up in a bundle which she places on her head. Then, kneeling in the center of her room, she pronounces an incantation, at the end of which she shakes her head. If the bundle falls in front of her, it is a good sign; should it fall behind her the charm will not avail. Yet another is worked in the following manner: Pieces of green, red and white ribbon are purchased in three different shops, the name of the persons to be charmed being repeated, mentally, each time. The shopkeeper must be paid with the left hand, the ribbon being received in the right. When all the pieces are bought, they are taken to a witch, who sets out to find the person to be charmed. On finding him, or her, the witch mutters to herself, "With these ribbons I bind you to such a one." Then she returns the ribbons to the purchaser, who ties them beneath his or her left knee and wears them at church.—Macmillan's.

Alcohol dissolves chlorophyl, the green coloring matter of plants, and grass stains can be easily removed by treating them with an alcohol bath.

THE HUSBAND FOUND IT OUT

Result of an Attempt Made by a Young Wife to Keep Her Own Counsel.

"Never try to deceive your husband, my dear," said Mrs. Tin Wedding to Mrs. Bride. "It pays even less than getting married."

"What a dreadful remark," murmured Mrs. Bride, "and you are held up as a model happy couple too!"

"No, never try to deceive your husband," continued Mrs. Tin Wedding with feeling. "Women aren't clever at covering up things, and we always get caught. A man with half our sense can catch us, my dear, even if he has to risk his life in the effort. I shall never forget the first time I tried to deceive Mr. Tin Wedding. We had been married just as long as you have. He hated to have me use anything on my face, even a little rice powder, and at first I made the sacrifice. That's where I made my mistake. At last one day I heard of a skin tonic which, if applied every night, would make the skin 'white and pink,' soft, beautiful and smooth to look at.' I was tempted and did fall. We lived at the hotel then, and as he worked nights and slept days I had a beautiful chance to try it. I bought a bottle, and the label on it looked like a poster. I thought, 'This will never do.' Then a happy thought came to me. I said, 'I will order an empty beer bottle and put the tonic in that.' I did and went to bed after applying a good part of it vigorously with a soft rag,' according to directions. It's queer, but a little exultant feeling always comes when one starts in to deceive another. I imagined I was much improved the next morning and was merry all day. When Mr. Tin Wedding got up and went to the bathroom that afternoon, he spied the beer bottle. He called out:

"'Have you been ordering beer?'

"'No, indeed!' I answered cheerfully.

"'Yes, you have,' he insisted.

"'Nonsense!' I answered.

"'But here it is,' he replied, pointing to that awful bottle. 'Who has been here that wanted beer? In other words, for whom did you order this beer?'

"I looked, and, to my horror, the skin tonic had worked up during the day and had a most beautiful Germanlike bead on it.

"'That isn't beer,' said I.

"'Do you dare say to my face that isn't beer?' said he. 'I'll drink it and see.'

"'Please don't,' I pleaded, 'for I declare it isn't beer!'

"'What is it, then?' he asked. Men, you will find, my dear, are most obstinate creatures. Suddenly I remembered that my mother had cautioned me not to tell my husband every little thing, as not doing so would help me to maintain my individuality and at the same time retain his respect, so I began that minute and flatly refused to tell him what was in the bottle.

"'I will soon see,' he kept saying, carefully washing and drying a thin glass. My heart almost failed me when I saw him begin to pour, and I was relieved to see the foam rise up like soapsuds.

"'I will see, madam,' he repeated, for the seventeenth time raising the glass to his lips. He took three big swallows, and then he jumped up like a bucking broncho and yelled like a half drunken cowboy. He dashed the glass on the tiled floor, and he uttered all the explosives known to swearing mankind.

"'What was it?' he finally yelled, shaking me.

"'You said it was beer,' I answered, with a cold, calm, callous, calculating smile, which froze on my face, for he began to turn deathly pale and to stagger toward the bedroom. I flung myself on my knees and confessed everything, and when I was crouching there, sobbing as if my heart would break, what do you think Mr. Tin Wedding, who recovered with astonishing rapidity, said? He said:

"'I knew all the time that it wasn't beer, and I knew that I would know what it really was. Women never can keep anything.'

"Don't try to deceive your husband, my dear Mrs. Bride. Men are regular sleuths."—New York Sun.

England's Old Bicycles.

"The majority of secondhand machines," said a dealer in these commodities, "are shipped abroad—India, Sierra Leone and Sydney being the best markets. From these different centers they are either sold or bartered to the poorer residents and natives of the up country districts by traveling dealers, who in almost every case dispose of a machine for twice its original cost.

"Curious indeed are the experiences of some of these men. Only the other day I received a letter from a small village in central India recording an instance of an old 'Rover' of the veritable bone shaker type being bartered to an Indian for a baby elephant. Truly a queer exchange!"—Strand Magazine.

A Hard One.

Tommy—Pa, may I ask you a question?

Pa—Certainly, my child.

Tommy—Well, where is the wind when it doesn't blow?—Pearson's Weekly.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, } Superior
NEW HANOVER COUNTY. } Court.

James W. Sneeden, Administrator of Mrs. Kate Brown, deceased,
vs.
Mortimer H. Brown et al.

By virtue of a decree made in the above entitled cause, the undersigned will expose for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at the Court House door of New Hanover county, on Friday, the 11th day of March, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., the following described lots of land in Wilmington, N. C., to-wit:

1. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Second and Dawson streets, runs thence northwardly with the eastern line of Second street 66 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Dawson street 159 feet to an alley, thence southwardly with the said alley 66 feet to Dawson street, thence eastwardly with the northern line of Dawson street 159 feet to the beginning, being the eastern part of Lot 5, Block 45.

2. A lot beginning in the eastern line of Eleventh street 132 feet north of Princess street, runs thence north with said eastern line of Eleventh street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 132 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eleventh street 33 feet, thence west parallel with Princess street 132 feet to the beginning, being a part of the western part of Lot 3, Block 188.

3. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 99 feet north of Campbell street, runs thence northwardly with said western line of Eighth street 33 feet, thence westwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Eighth street 33 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Campbell street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east quarter of Lot 4, Block 262.

4. A lot beginning in the western line of Eighth street 132 feet north of Brunswick street, runs thence north with said western line of Eighth street 66 feet, thence west parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet, thence south parallel with Eighth street 66 feet, thence east parallel with Brunswick street 165 feet to the beginning, being the east half of Lot 3, Block 262.

5. A lot beginning at the northwestern intersection of Ninth street and Swann street, running thence northwardly with the eastern line of Ninth street 297 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street about 200 feet to the line of the property of the Wilmington & Weldon R. R. Co., thence with the said line southwestwardly about 335 feet to a point in the northern line of Swann street 70 feet eastwardly from the eastern line of Ninth street, thence westwardly with said northern line of Swann street 70 feet to the beginning, being the western parts of Lots 2, 3, 4 and 5 and a part of Lot 1, Block 338.

6. A lot beginning at the southwestern intersection of Nixon and Seventh streets, runs westwardly with the southern line of Nixon street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Seventh street 66 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Nixon street 33 feet to Seventh street, thence northwardly with said line of Seventh street 66 feet to the beginning, being the east end of Lot 1, Block 225.

7. A lot beginning in the northern line of Princess street 132 feet west of the western line of Twelfth street, runs thence westwardly with said line of Princess street 33 feet, thence northwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet, thence eastwardly parallel with Princess street 33 feet, thence southwardly parallel with Twelfth street 165 feet to the beginning, being parts of Lots 1, 2 and 3, Block 188.

WILKES MORRIS, Commissioner.

February 8th, 1898. feb 9 1m

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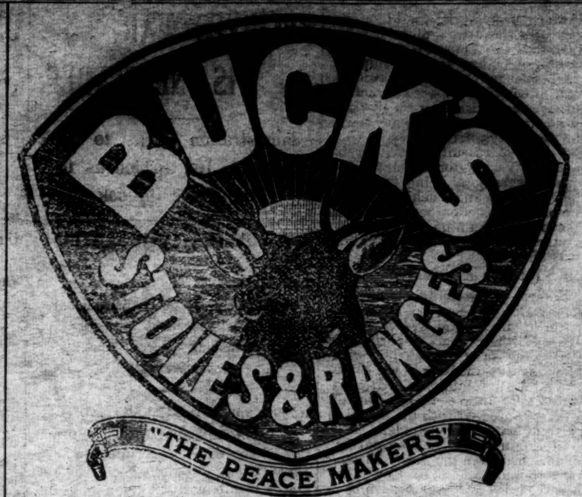

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Statement of Atlantic National Bank, Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of Business Feb. 18th, 1898, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.		LIABILITIES.	
Loans	$572,903 10	Capital	$125,000 00
Overdrafts	21 86	Surplus	200,000 00
U. S. 4 per cent. Bonds (at par)	40,000 00	Undivided profits	15,912 11 — 75,912 11
Banking House and Fixtures	10,000 00	Circulation	36,000 00
Due from other Banks	$169,167 71	Total Deposits	662,455 16
Cash on hand	67,274 55 — 276,442 31		
Total	$899,367 27	Total	$899,367 27

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT:

	Feb. 18, '96.	Feb. 18, '97.	Feb. 17, 98.
Total Deposits	$607,000	$650,000	$662,000
Surplus and Net Profits	54,800	64,500	75,900
Bills Payable and Re-discounts	NONE.	NONE.	NONE.

Dividends paid—6 per cent. per annum.

Last Instalment of Capital paid in October, 1892. mar 6 tf

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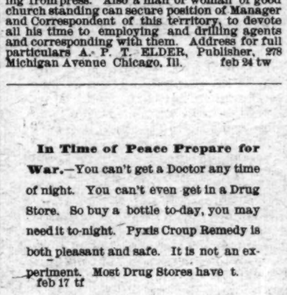

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Mortagee's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF A POWER OF SALE CONtained in a Mortgage given by S. B. Gaskill and wife to John D. Taylor, Receiver, and subsequently assigned to J. H. Gore, Jr., guardian of Lelia G. McGirt et al., the undersigned will on Saturday, March 26th, 1898, at 12 o'clock M., offer for sale by public auction, for cash, at the Court House door in the the city of Wilmington, the following described lot or parcel of land, lying, being, and situate in the city of Wilmington, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six feet southwardly from its intersection with the southern line of Dawson street, and running thence southwardly along the said eastern line of Eighth street sixty-six feet, thence eastwardly and parallel with Dawson street eighty-two and one-half feet to the western line of Millis' alley, thence northwardly along the western line of Millis' alley and parallel with Eighth street sixty-six feet, and thence westwardly and parallel with Dawson street eighty-two and a half feet, to the said eastern line of Eighth street, the beginning point.

Dated this the 25th day of February, A. D., 1898.

J. H. GORE, JR.,

feb 25 30t Assignee of the Mortgagee.

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Schedule In Effect February 17, 1898

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND

DAILY 9.35 A. M. — No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.02 a. m., Warsaw 11.15 a. m., Goldsboro 12:05 a. m., Wilson 12:35 p. m., Rocky Mount 1:40 p. m., Tarboro 2:31 p. m., Weldon 4.33 p. m., Petersburg 5.30 p. m., Richmond 7:15 p. m., Norfolk 6.05 p. m., Washington 11:30 p. m., Baltimore 1:05 a. m., Philadelphia 3:50 a. m., New York 6:53 a. m., †Boston 8:00 p. m.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. — No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 3:55 p. m., Warsaw 9:10 p. m., Goldsboro 10:10 p. m., Wilson 11.06 p. m., †Tarboro 6:35 a. m., Rocky Mount 11:07 p. m., Weldon 1:42 a. m., †Norfolk 10:30 a. m., Petersburg 3:14 a. m., Richmond 4 a. m., Washington 7:41 a. m., Baltimore 9:03 a. m., Philadelphia 11:25 a. m., New York 2:03 p. m., Boston 9:00 p. m.

DAILY except Sunday 4:13 p. m., Newbern 5:40 p. m.

Sunday 2.25 ■P. M. — No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. — No. 35—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5:09 p. m., Chadbourn 5:41. p. m., Marion 6:43 p. m., Florence 7:25 p. m., Sumter 9:10 p. m., Columbia 10:30 p. m., Denmark 6:12 a. m., Augusta 7:55 a. m., Macon 11:15 a. m., Atlanta 12:35 p. m., Charleston 10:50 p. m., Savannah 1:50 a. m., Jacksonville 7:30 a. m., St. Augustine 10:30 a. m., Tampa 5:35 p. m.

ARRIALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. — No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1:03 p. m., *New York 9:00 p. m., Philadelphia 12:05 a. m., Baltimore 2:50 a. m., Washington 4:30 a. m., Richmond 9:05 a. m., Petersburg 10:03 a. m., Norfolk 8:40 a. m., Weldon 11:32 a. m., Tarboro 12:12 p. m., Rocky Mount 12:47 p. m., Wilson 2:37 p. m., Goldsboro 3:20 p. m., Warsaw 4:11 p. m., Magnolia 4.34 p. m.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. — No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9:30 a. m., Philadelphia 12:09 p. m., Baltimore 2:25 p. m., Washington 3:46 p. m., Richmond 7:30 p. m., Petersburg 8:19 p. m., †Norfolk 2:20 p. m., Weldon 9:43 p. m., †Tarboro 6:01 p m., Rocky Mount 5:40 a. m. Leave Wilson 6:22 a. m., Goldsboro 7:01 a. m., Warsaw 7.53 a. m., Magnolia 8:05 a. m.

DAILY except Sunday 9:00 a. m. 12,15 P. M. — No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern Jacksonville 10:26 a. m.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.20 P. M. — No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8:10 a. m., Sanford 3:27 p. m., Jacksonville 7:40 p. m., Savannah 1:45 a. m., Charleston 6:33 a. m., Columbia 6.45 a. m., Atlanta 8:30 a. m., Macon 9:00 a. m., Augusta 2:30 p. m., Denmark 4:25 p. m., Sumter 8:12 a. m., Florence 9:58 a. m., Marion 10:36 a. m., Chadbourn 11:38 a. m., Lake Waccamaw 12:09 p. m.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3:55 p. m., Halifax 4:30 p. m.; arrive Scotland Neck 5:20 p. m., Greenville 6:37 p. m., Kinston 7:35 p. m. Returning, leaves Kinston 7:50 a. m., Greenville 8:52 a. m.; arriving Halifax at 11:18 a. m., Weldon 11:33 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8:20 a. m. and 2:30 p. m.; arrive Parmele 9:10 a. m. and 4:00 p. m.; returning leaves Parmele 9:35 a. m. and 6.30 p. m.; arrives Washington 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5:30 p. m.; Sunday, 4:15 p. m.; arrives Plymouth 7:40 p. m. and 6:10 p. m. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7:50 a. m. and Sunday 9:00 a. m.; arrive Tarboro 10:05 a. m. and 11:00 a. m.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7:10 a. m.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8:20 a. m. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9:00 a. m.; arrive Goldsboro 10:25 a. m.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 p. m.; arrives Nashville 5.05 p. m., Spring Hope 5.30 p. m. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8.00 a. m., Nashville 8.35 a. m.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 a. m. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, daily except Sunday, at 11.20 a. m. and 4.15 p. m. Returning, leave Clinton at 7.00 a. m. and 3.00 p. m.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.38 a. m., arrive Latta 10.26 a. m., Dillon 10.30 a. m., Rowland 10.54 a. m. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.13 p. m.; arrives Dillon 6.38 p. m., Latta 6.46 p. m., Pee Dee 7.10 p. m., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8:30 a. m., Chadbourn 11:43 a. m.; arrive Conway 2:03 p. m.; leave Conway 2:45 p. m., Chadbourn 5:45 p. m.; arrive Hub 6:25 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6:27 p. m., Manning 6:58 p. m.; arrive Lane's 7:36 p. m.; leave Lane's 8:34 a. m., Manning 9:08 a. m.; arrive Sumter 9:37 a. m. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9:30 a. m., 7:55 p. m.; arrive Georgetown 12:00 m., 9:14 p. m.; leave Georgetown 7:00 a. m.; 3:00 p. m.; arrive Lane's 8:25 a. m.; 5:25 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9:55 a. m.; arrive Darlington 10:23 a. m., Cheraw 11:40 a. m., Wadesboro 12:35 p. m.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 3:00 p. m.; arrive Darlington 3.35 p. m., Hartsville 9:30 p. m., Bennetsville 9:21 p. m., Gibson 9:45 p. m. Leave Florence Sunday only at 9:55 a. m.; arrive Darlington 10:27 a. m., Hartsville 11:10 a. m.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6:35 a. m., Bennetsville 6:59 a. m.; arrive Darlington 7:50 a. m. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday at 7:00 a. m.; arrive Darlington 7:45 a. m.; leave Darlington 8:55 a. m., arrive Florence 9:30 a. m. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4:25 p. m., Cheraw 5:15 p. m., Darlington 6:29 p. m.; arrive Florence 7:00 p. m. Leave Hartsville Sunday only at 8:15 a. m., Darlington 9:00 a. m.; arrive Florence 9:30 a. m.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2:30 p. m., 11:16 p. m.; arrive Selma 3.15 p. m., Smithfield 3:22 p. m., Dunn 4:00 p. m. Fayetteville 4:47 p. m., 1:14 a. m., Rowland 6:13 p. m.; returning leave Rowland 10.54 a. m., Fayetteville 12:18 p. m., 10:15 p. m., Dunn 1:01 p. m., Smithfield 1:39 p. m., Selma 1:47 p. m.; arrive Wilson 2:35 p. m., 12:09 a. m.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4:39 a. m., Creston 5:17 a. m.; arrive Denmark 6:12 a. m. Returning leave Denmark 4:25 p. m., Creston 5:30 p. m., Sumter 6:25 p. m. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5:45 a. m.; arrive Pregnalls 9:15 a. m. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10:00 a. m.; arrives Creston 3:50 p. m. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliot 11:10 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; arrive Lucknow 1:00 p. m and 8:50 p. m. Returning, leave Lucknow 6:05 a. m. and 2:00 p. m.; arrive Elliot 8:25 a. m. and 3:30 p. m.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

H. M. EMERSON, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

J. R. KENLY, Gen'l Manager.

T. M. EMERSON, Traffic Manager. feb 7 tf

Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 3.

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28, 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains 3 Arrive	GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains 3 Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains 4 Arrive	GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains 4 Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 32	Kinston	10 12	.....
5 35	5 45	Newbern	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 02	Morehead City	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 8.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

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The Morning Star.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 13, 1898

SPANISH PREPARATIONS.

Making Large Purchases of Vessels and Munitions for Use Against American Trade—Circular to the Powers.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BERLIN, March 12.—The German press this week has given utterance to the unanimous conviction that war between the United States and Spain is probable, although it is believed here that the latter country will do everything to avoid it.

In diplomatic circles, it is said that Spain, during the past week, sent a circular note to the cabinets of Europe to the effect that the Spanish Government hoped the rebellion in Cuba would be completely suppressed by April 1st, adding that if foreign influences had not stimulated the insurgents and supported them with arms, men, money and ammunition, there would at the present moment be no insurgents left.

So far as the correspondent has been able to ascertain, the document has not elicited any replies.

Several papers predict that in the event of hostilities Spain will disappear from the map of European powers after a fierce "war of piracy," both countries not being signatories of the anti-privateer convention of Paris.

It is well-known in diplomatic circles that Senor Sandoval, the Spanish military agent in Germany, Austria and Scandinavia, who returned to Berlin on Wednesday evening from a trip, after having made three conditional purchases of coasting steamers at Fiume and two at Pola, with other Spanish representatives, has been purchasing outright or conditionally munitions and vessels for use against American trade. Senor Sandoval, in addition to the purchases referred to, which are intended for the privateer service, has placed large orders with the Krupp Gun Company during the last six weeks and has also appointed a sub-agent at Trieste to see what he can pick up.

During the course of an interview on Thursday Col. Reinlein de Sequera, the Spanish military attache here, said he was confident the "misunderstandings" would disappear, adding: "It might, however, be well for Americans to know that Spain is not defenceless and that it will cost much blood and more money to conquer or defeat us."

LONDON, March 12.—The newspapers here generally regard favorably the *Nacional's* proposition that the United States annex Cuba and assume her debt.

The feeling in the London money market is that if war is inevitable much gold will probably go to New York, and money, therefore, will become dearer. The markets are uneasy at the danger that a large amount of gold may be withdrawn from the Bank of England, whose reserve is already low.

ARTILLERY FROM THE WEST.

Arrangements to Transport Batteries to the Atlantic Seaboard and Gulf of Mexico.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, March 12.—Quartermaster-General Lee, of the Army Department of the Lakes, is making arrangements to transport batteries of artillery now at forts in the West to the Atlantic seaboard and Gulf of Mexico. To-day the Western railroads having headquarters in Chicago and St. Louis and other Western cities, were invited to telegraph by noon of the 15th inst., proposals for transporting a battery of artillery from Fort Riley, Kas., to Fort Monroe, Va.; another from Fort Riley to New Orleans, La., and a third from Fort Riley to Savannah, Ga. Each battery consists of five officers, sixty-five men, fifty-five horses, four guns with caissons, battery forges and camp equipage, and will require one Pullman car, two tourist sleepers, three palace stock cars, three flat cars and six freight cars. Each battery is to be run through, men, horses, guns and property, together in one train of one or more sections. The equipment must go through from the initial point without change, and will be ready to leave Fort Riley by noon of the 16th inst.

GEN. GORDON OF GEORGIA.

Thinks He Hears Rebel Yells and Yankee Huzzas Mingled.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

OWOSSO, MICH., March 12.—Gen. J. B. Gordon, of Georgia, who lectured here last evening on "Last Days of the Confederacy," has received a telegram from his State saying: "One hundred and fifty thousand of your comrades stand ready to follow your lead in the protection of our national honor."

Said the General: "I think I hear rebel yells and yankee huzzas mingled, as our common country unites in the protection of our flag."

SAW MILL PLANT BURNED.

One of the Largest Establishments in the State of Alabama.

DECATUR, March 12.—Fire to-day destroyed the large saw and planing mill of Arantz Brothers. This was one of the largest establishments in the State and did a heavy business direct with England. The loss on the mill plant alone was $50,000, to say nothing of the loss on other buildings and fine lumber. There was no insurance on the mill plant and but $40,000 on the lumber yard. This mill furnished the quartered oak for W. H. Vanderbilt's New York residence.

SPAIN'S NAVAL STRENGTH.

The Torpedo Boat Flotilla Has Not Yet Left Cadiz.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

MADRID, March 12.—The Spanish torpedo flotilla has not yet left Cadiz. The vessels will sail for the Canary islands as soon as the weather moderates.

The *Liberal* gives the following as the present strength of the Spanish navy: Protected ships, 17; unprotected, 20; gunboats, 80; torpedo boat destroyers, 14; torpedo boats, 14; transports, 25.

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THE RECORD A SPLENDID ONE.

Continued Activity in All the Departments—Special Naval Board to Inspect Auxiliary Vessels—Large Supplies of Munitions.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—While to-day was not marked by particularly important events, the history of the week just closed will form a splendid record of what can be accomplished by the nation in a short space of time under the spur of necessity to provide for the national defence. Beginning with the appropriation of $50,000,000 to be expended by the President without limitation, there followed rapidly the placing of orders for enormous quantities of war supplies, the institution of negotiations for the purchase of ships abroad, the enlistment of men for the navy, the creation of two additional regiments of artillery, the commissioning of monitors, cruisers and rams, the manning of new posts along the seacoasts, and finally the rearrangement of the great military departments to meet modern conditions in military practice.

The sending of the Oregon, now at Mare Island, away from San Francisco, is an exhibition of the far-sightedness with which the Secretary of the Navy is observing the situation of to-day. The vessel's orders are to cruise down the Pacific coast, touching in from time to time at various ports where cable connections exist, to receive any orders that the department may have to give. In this way it is expected that she will work as far south as Valparaiso, Chili, where she will await orders.

Valparaiso is very much nearer to Cuba and to Admiral Sicard's fleet than Mare Island, while, if it should be desired to send this ship to the Asiatic station, this can be done almost as conveniently from Valparaiso as from San Francisco. At Valparaiso, therefore, the Oregon will be where she can be most usefully manipulated in case of an emergency.

Conference at the White House.

The President held a long conference at the White House about noon to-day with Secretaries Alger, Long and Gage. It is presumed that their subject of discussion was the finances of the situation, a subject which could not be fully treated at the cabinet meeting yesterday owing to the short session. After the conference the statement was again made, with the emphasis that has characterized every utterance on the subject by the President's constitutional advisors, that up to date the administration has absolutely no knowledge for cause of the disaster to the Maine and that it has no report of any kind from the Court of Inquiry or any one connected with it.

Special Naval Board.

The board of naval bureau chiefs find it impossible to pass judgment in Washington upon the fitness for naval service of vessels that may be offered for the auxiliary branch of the navy at the various seaports. So they have been aided in their work by the creation of a special board which will undertake to visit each of the ports where ships may be offered and make a careful personal inspection of the various craft. The board will consist of Captain Rodgers, Lieutenant Commander Kelly, Passed Assistant Engineer Dixon, Assistant Naval Constructor Tawresy and Lieutenant Sargeant.

The Nashville arrived at Key West to-day while the Marblehead arrived at Tampa. The naval officials will not state the purpose of the Marblehead's visit to Tampa.

The war talk has had the usual result of bringing before the War and Navy Departments a perfect flood of suggestions and inventions.

Bids for Projectiles.

The War Department on Monday will open bids for one of the largest orders of shot and shell for heavy calibre guns ever given, including armor-piercing projectiles and deck-piercing and torpedo shells. The number and character of these are as follows: Nine hundred and thirty-five twelve-inch deck-piercing shells, weighing 1,000 pounds each; 1,241 twelve-inch deck-piercing shells, weighing 800 pounds each; 481 ten-inch armor-piercing shells; 482 ten-inch armor-piercing shot, capped; 149 eight-inch armor-piercing shells; 150 eight-inch armor-piercing shot, capped.

These projectiles are for the heavy fortification guns now mounted along the seacoast. The purchase is not to be made under the $50,000,000 defence appropriation bill, but in anticipation of the fortification bill, which grants $940,000 for a reserve supply of projectiles and powder. As the making of the heavy projectiles will take considerable time, the contract will be let ahead of the passage of the bill, assurances having been given from men in Congress that no question would be raised as to the regularity of this proceeding. The entire amount is designed to give all the heavy guns now installed and those to be put in place during the coming year a full quota of projectiles and powder. The twelve inch shot are among the largest made. The cost of a single round of this class of projectiles is $511. Aside from the large orders to be placed Monday, the emergency bill will permit additional orders to meet the requirements of such fortification guns as may be mounted for emergency. The present order is for the actual needs of the guns now mounted, without reference to any existing emergency, although it has been made all the more imperative by the Spanish crisis.

The New Military Department.

General Graham telegraphed the War Department to-day that he would go to Atlanta on Monday next to establish his headquarters there.

Senator Bacon, of Georgia, was at the War Department to-day and expressed his gratification that Georgia had been made the center of the new department, with headquarters at Atlanta. This step, Mr. Bacon said, was due entirely to military considerations, and no personal or political motives had figured in the transaction. Heretofore there had been only one military centre along the Atlantic, namely, that at New York; but the present condition of affairs made it apparent from a military standpoint that it was desirable to have another centre on the south Atlantic. As a result the interior military centre, heretofore known as the department of Texas had been moved eastward and centred at Atlanta.

The Auxiliary Cruisers.

The Bureau of Construction of the Navy Department finds itself exceptionally well prepared for any emergency work that it may be called upon to perform in connection with the auxiliary cruisers. It is said that less than an hour's work would be required in the bureau office here to complete all the plans for the transformation of two of the best ships on the Atlantic into auxiliary cruisers. The detailed work of reconstruction could be accomplished with like dispatch at the League Island navy yard.

The Secretary of the Navy has directed that a recruiting station be opened in Washington immediately, the special purpose being to secure ordinary seamen and machinists.

The naval inspection board has gone to Norfolk to examine the Machias, just returned from the Asiatic station by way of Suez.

The Fern at Matanzas.

The Fern, laden with supplies for suffering Cubans, arrived at Matanzas, Cuba, from Key West to-day. Captain Cowles merely reported his arrival to the Navy Department without making any mention of the condition of affairs at Matanzas. After discharging the stores there Captain Cowles will proceed with his vessel to Sagua and leave the remainder.

Civil Engineer A. J. Menocal has been detached from the League island navy yard and ordered to Key West. This is regarded as significant, and as indicating a purpose on the part of the Navy Department to make immediate and considerable improvements at the naval station in Key West.

Brigadier-General John M. Wilson, chief of engineers of the War Department, returned to-day after a trip of over three thousand miles which he accomplished inside of one week. Naturally his visit to Southern coast points, where extensive fortification work is in progress, has excited much comment. General Wilson declined, however, to discuss in any way this phase of his trip. It is understood that he visited Cumberland river, St. John's river, and the works at Tampa and Key West, Fla.

The New Spanish Minister.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—Senor Luis Polo de Bernabe, the new Spanish Minister who succeeds Senor Dupuy de Lome as the representative of Spain at the capital, was formally presented to President McKinley at 11 o'clock to-day. The reception took place in the Blue parlor. The introduction to the President was made by Secretary Sherman. The exchange of greetings was most cordial and occupied about twenty minutes. The ceremony was such as is usual on such occasions and passed off without incident.

Senator Proctor En Route to Washington.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., March 12.—Senator Proctor, who is supposed to have been on a private mission to Cuba for President McKinley, passed through the city to-night, accompanied by Colonel Parker. The Senator refused to make a statement as to the prospects of trouble with Spain. He stated, however, that he would most certainly stand by the administration in whatever action it should take.

Colonel Parker stated that the suffering in Cuba had by no means been exaggerated. Both gentlemen repudiated the alleged interview published in New York papers under Key West dates.

WAR DEPARTMENT ORDERS.

Establishing the New Department of the Gulf and Making Other Changes.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The text of the War Department orders establishing the new Department of the Gulf and making other changes is as follows:

General Orders No. 7.—Headquarters of the Army, Adjutant General's Office.—Washington, March 11, 1898.—The following orders have been received from the War Department, and are published for the information and guidance of all concerned:

By direction of the President, the following changes are made in the territorial limits, designation, and headquarters of geographical departments:

1. The Department of the East will embrace the New England States, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, West Virginia, Virginia, and North Carolina, with headquarters at Governor's island, New York.

2. A department is hereby established to be known as the Department of the Lakes, to consist of the States of Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee, with headquarters at Chicago, Ill.

3. The Department of Dakota will embrace the States of Minnesota North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and so much of Wyoming and Idaho as is embraced in the Yellowstone National Park, with headquarters at St. Paul, Minn.

4. The Department of the Columbia will embrace the States of Washington, Oregon, Idaho (except so much of the latter as is embraced in the Yellowstons National Park) and the territory of Alaska, with headquarters at Vaneouver barracks, Washington.

5. The Department of California will embrace the States of California and Nevada, with headquarters at San Francisco.

The Department of the Colorado will embrace the States of Wyoming (except so much thereof as is embraced in the Yellowstone National Park), Colorado and Utah, and the territories of Arizona and New Mexico, with headquarters at Denver, Colo.

The Department of the Platte will embrace the States of Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas and Arkansas, the Indian Territory and the Territory of Oklahoma, with headquarters at Omaha, Neb.

A department is hereby established to be known as the Department of the Gulf, to consist of the States of South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas, with headquarters at Atlanta, Ga.

The Departments of the Missouri and Texas are hereby abolished.

The records of the Department of the Missouri will be transferred to the Department of the Lakes and those of the Department of Texas to the Department of the Gulf.

Major General John R. Brooke is assigned to the command of the Department of the Lakes, and Gen. Wm. A. Graham to the command of the Department of the Gulf. The officers of the several staff departments now on duty in the Departments of the Missouri and of Texas are assigned to like duties in the Departments of the Lakes and of the Texas, respectively.

The travel required under these orders is necessary for the public service.

(Signed) R. A. ALGER,
Secretary of War.

By command of Major General Miles; H. C. Corkin, Adjutant General.

Friday night the safe of the postoffice at Ashland, Va., was blown open and $600 in stamps and $3 in currency stolen. There is no clue to the robbers.

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Administration Seems to Have Changed Its Opinion as to the Peace Outlook.

ANTICIPATES THE WORST.

The Findings of the Maine Court of Inquiry Will be of a Sensational Nature and Will Call for Something More Than Diplomatic Action.

[*Correspondence Philadelphia Press.*]

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Confirmation of the dispatch, printed in *The Press* to-day, to the effect that the Maine was blown up by a mine and that it was this information which led to the conferences Sunday and Monday, and the emergency appropriation by Congress, came to *The Press* correspondent to-night from a very high source.

An intimate friend of the President from an Eastern State, who has been in consultation with him, said to-night that he had talked with the President on this subject, and that the President had intimated that the probability of settling the controversy with Spain without war was remote.

This gentleman was told by the President that he had had in his possession for nearly a week full information of the cause which led to the disaster at Havana, and that the circumstances were such as to render a peaceful settlement very difficult.

The President said further, according to this gentleman, that both the War and Navy Departments were actively engaged in work which was intended to anticipate the worst, and that, while he hoped for peace, if the honor of the nation were involved, as appeared to be the case, it might be difficult to avoid war.

No Doubt About Submarine Mine.

According to this gentleman, the President said there was not much doubt about the fact that the Maine was blown up by a submarine mine, under such circumstances as would perhaps lead to the gravest consequences.

The gentleman said that the President's plan is to send to Congress as soon as received the findings of the Court of Inquiry, and he added that the findings will be of a sensational nature, and are likely to call for something else than diplomatic action.

It was the belief of the informant of *The Press* correspondent that there would be no attempt to evade the issue in any way or shift it into the tedious, circuitous routine of diplomatic procedure.

He expressed the opinion that Spain would be given by the President fair opportunity to make a reply, but that pleas for delay or devices to avoid the issue in any way would be promptly swept aside by our government.

Believes War Is Inevitable.

All intimate friends of the President, living in his own State, expressed the opinion to-night that so far as he could see "war was inevitable."

Some of the Senators who are known to be close to the President do not take that extreme view, yet they admit that war is much more probable to-day than it was any day during last week.

There is no doubt but what this change of opinion has grown out of the fact that the Administration knows that the Board of Inquiry will report, and furnish strong reasons for the report, that the Maine was blown up by a sub-marine mine,

E. J. GIBSON.

THE MAINE EXPLOSION.

Information That Has Come to the President in a Semi-Official Form.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 12.—The *Army and Navy Register*, in its issue of to-day, says: "The *Register* is in possession of information, the correctness of which it has no reason to question, that certain evidence gathered by the Court of Inquiry at Havana has come in a semi-official form to the President from two prominent members of the board. The information has been in the hands of the President since Sunday and has served for the occasion of unusual activity during the present week.

"The information is that the Maine was destroyed by a government submarine mine, planted in Havana harbor and deliberately exploded. More than this, it appears the Maine was purposely moored in the vicinity of the mine and that the explosion occurred at the moment when the ship had been opportunely carried by wind and tide directly over the mine. These facts have been hinted at and written about in dispatches from Havana, Madrid and Washington, and among the statements made the actual conditions have been touched upon, but nothing authoritative has been permitted to escape from the court. That body is understood to have completed its work, but nothing is likely to be officially promulgated in regard to its findings for a week or more. There is obvious reason for such an action, the objects of which cannot be defeated by independent newspaper statements.

"There can be but one outcome of such a report, and preparations for the inevitable results are being industriously and indefatigably prosecuted. The work of the week, related in detail elsewhere in this issue, shows that the government at Washington appreciates the situation and will be ready to meet what has not ceased to be a mere emergency."

MINES IN HAVANA HARBOR.

Statement of the Master of a German Merchant Vessel.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEWPORT NEWS, VA., March 11.—According to Captain Gronmeyer, of the steamer Castilia, from New Orleans to Hamburg, which is now coaling here, there is a network of mines in Havana harbor. Three years ago, he says, his vessel was about to steam into the harbor when he was signalled not to enter. A pilot boarded the ship and explained that engineers were planting mines and that it would be necessary for him to wait several hours before proceeding into port. Captain Gronmeyer was then master of the steamship Albano. He was at one time in the German navy.

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False Report in Circulation That the Vessel Has Been Injured.

OTHER RUMORS UNFOUNDED.

The Court of Inquiry — Supplies for Relief of Suffering Cubans Arrive at Matanzas—The Work of the Wreckers.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

HAVANA, March 12.—In an interview had by the correspondent of the Associated Press with Commander Converse, of the cruiser Montgomery, regarding the report circulating in the United States that the cruiser had been injured, that officer dictated the following:

"The report is absolutely false. No damage of any kind to the hull or machinery has been done to the Montgomery during the nine months she has been under my command. Would it not be well for sensation-mongers to give some thought to the feelings of the wives and other relatives of the officers and crew at home before causing deep alarm by such baseless stories?"

There is general indignation here over the story. The correspondent was also requested to deny the rumors telegraphed from here, which he saw to-day for the first time:

First, that Captain Sigsbee is indisposed; and second, that Consul General Lee and Dr. Bruner, the United States sanitary physician, are on bad terms. Both stories are declared, on the authority of the men named in them, to be without color of truth. Captain Sampson seems to be all right again.

The Court of Inquiry did little work to-day. The members examined two divers, went over drawings, plans and photographs in the cabin of the Mangrove and read over the stenographer's copy of some past testimony.

The water is very rough, making the work of the divers difficult. The wrecking tug is anchored a cable's length from the port side of the Maine, sending down divers. It is hard to see any marked advance in the work of the wreckers.

The Fern with 35 tons of American provisions from Key West arrived at Matanzas this morning. The Bergen, from New York with 15 tons, also arrived.

Senator Gallinger, Congressman Cummings, Congressman Smith, and Senator Thurston, with the officials of the Red Cross Society, went to Matanzas to-day to make arrangements for and to witness the distribution of the relief. The distribution will probably be made through the governor at Matanzas, aided by the American consul. Hundreds of heart-rending appeals have been received from the suffering reconcentrados since the news of the coming of the relief has been made known. Some of the sailors of the Fern brought to the dock a portion of their own food, and while awaiting the arrival of their captain fed a number of gaunt women and children.

A report, though it has not been verified, is to the effect that the stores sent to Matanzas by the Red Cross ten days ago are still in the railroad warehouse and that none have been distributed.

HAVANA, March 12.—A story is current here, but is not confirmed, that Captain Sampson has been advised from Washington that President McKinley is ready at any time to receive the court's report, and that Captain Sampson replied by a long cipher cablegram to the Secretary of the Navy.

Captain Sampson is not looking well, and a good deal of anxiety is felt lest he is seriously ill. The doctor on the Montgomery, however, thinks such fears are groundless, while others, who should know, do not entertain them.

A careful watch is kept on board and about the cruiser Montgomery, but the officers of that vessel say that no such nervous vigilance is shown as is displayed by the Vizcaya and the Almirante Oquendo, both of which are moored near by. The Spanish ships at night constantly have patrol boats out, which frequently stop harbor boats coming within the lines of the pickets.

Senor Sagasta, the Spanish Prime Minister, has written a letter to an intimate friend, which was read at a meeting of Conservatives here last Thursday. In this letter the Premier says that the disarming of the volunteers had been determined upon, but that the publication of the intention to disarm them was premature.

The news of the recrudescence of the revolution in the Philippines was received here with great disgust by the Spanish residents and with corresponding satisfaction by the insurgent sympathizers.

The general government is using strong efforts to induce conservative Cubans to take part in the coming elections, as it is feared that the impression will get abroad that the conservatives prefer independence or the annexation of the island to the United States to autonomy.

WASHINGTON NAVY YARD.

Work Being Rushed With All Possible Haste With Three Shifts of Men.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 12.—There is general activity at the Washington navy yard, three shifts of men working twenty-four hours continuously. The completion of the big guns there is being pushed ahead with all possible haste. The rush has led to a large demand for machinists of all kinds, which up to now has not been met. An enlistment office for blue jackets was opened at the yard to-day.

WARM WIRELETS.

The British ship W. H. Corsair, from Ship Island, Miss., to Belfast, with a timber cargo, is ashore on Horn island, Miss., and will prove a total loss. No particulars.

The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Surplus reserve, increased $1,897,925; loans, decreased $10,392,400; specie, increased $3,938,700; legal tenders, decreased $4,675,400; deposits, decreased $10,538,500; circulation, increased $20,000. The banks now hold $22,721,325 in excess of the requirements of the 25 per cent. rule.

House Committee on Elections, by party vote, decided to report in favor of unseating William A. Young, Democrat, representing the Second Virginia district and seating in his stead Dr. R. A. Wise, Republican contestant. The Democratic members of the committee will sign a minority report in favor of Mr. Young's title to the seat.

NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

A Big Blunder in the Agricultural Department—Col. Lusk and Judge Ewart. The Penitentiary.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., March 12.

The Agricultural Department made an awful jumble in its published report last week of fertilizer analyses. One of the big guano factories has sent a representative here to have corrections made in the publications. The representatives tells me that the department's error lowers the standard of two of his brands and he thinks it will do him great injury in the State. The manufacturers may bring suit for damages.

Col. V. S. Lusk has been in the city for four or five days, but the object of his visit was not developed until this morning. Col. Lusk came here to secure evidence to furnish the Senate Investigating Committee in opposition to Judge Ewart's confirmation as United States Judge.

Lusk claims that Judge Ewart has never yet obtained license to practice law. He says no record is made of his examination or the payment of the $20 fee. This is a remarkable disclosure, if true. Lusk says he is certain of it. Think of a member of the Judiciary of the State who has never secured license to practice law!

But Lusk is not guiltless. He voted for this same Ewart and helped make him Judge when a member of the Legislature.

Capt. T. H. Chovasse has accepted a position as travelling salesman for the cigar firm of Brennaman & Co., of Baltimore.

Superintendent Mewborne, of the "pen," says there are 1,120 convicts in the prison. There are seventy-five guards.

The Spanish minister, Senor Polo, at Washington, received a dispatch yesterday from Captain General Blanco, stating that the condition of the Cuban reconcentrados was greatly improved.

The steamer City of Key West, from Miami, brought two car-loads of torpedoes and torpedo-buoys to Key West to be laid in the harbor there.

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This 16th of February, 1898. th feb 17 6w